Special purpose vehicles for mega power projects

t1858. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up four special purpose vehicles (SPVs) to pilot four mega power projects with initial capacity of 800 MW each;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of such project is also proposed to be set up in Orissa State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Maharashtra are the States in which an ultra mega power project each is envisaged to be set up in the first phase for which Special Purpose Vehicles have been set up. Each ultra mega power project will have a capacity of about 4000 MW.

(c) No, Sir. At the moment, there is no proposal to develop in ultra mega power project in the State of Orissa.

(d) Does not arise.

Budgetary allocations for integrated energy policy

1859. SHRI DARA SINGH:Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate an Integrated Energy Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the budgetary allocation made during the year 2006-07, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship

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of Member (Energy), Planning Commission on 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy. The draft report has been put up on the Planning Commission's website and presented in serveral fora for inviting comments. N6 budgetary allocation has been made for the year 2006-07 in this regard.

Facilities for the displaced persons

f1860. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the agreement reached following the acquisition of land from Himachal Pradesh for construction of Bhakra Dam in the year 1948, a fair chunk of money provided by the Central Government for the welfare of displaced people was not spent for the welfare work such as construction of streets, bridges and roads, providing potable water, etc., as a result, the displaced people are forced to live in abject poverty to date; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to provide facilities for the welfare of the displaced persons in the wake of granting full Statehood to Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The land for Bhakra Dam Project was acquired as per the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1994 and the compensation was paid for land, houses, trees etc. and other submerged property by the Bhakra Dam Administration. Bhakra Rehabilitation Committee was constituted by the project planners to advise on matters of resettlement of oustees. All the oustees were settled in accordance with guidelines framed by the Committee.

Regarding construction of roads, bridges etc. in lieu of those submerged in the reservoir, the project administration has paid its 50% share *i.e.* a sum of Rs. 45.82 lakh in the early sixties to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as per the decision of the Inter-Departmental Group taken in its meeting held on 28.04.1959. Apart from this, a sum of Rs. 3.49 lakh was also paid in the eighties to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on account of construction of path around Bhakra Dam Reservoir. In addition, project authorities have provided water for drinking and irrigation purposes, free of cost and have also undertaken drinking water schemes.

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